

301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 97-102. Applicant: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Engineering Mechanics Department, 212 Bancroft Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0347. *Instrument:* Scanning Acoustic Microscope, Model KSI SAM 2000. *Manufacturer:* Kramer Scientific Instruments, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for acoustic wave analysis and imaging of advanced materials, composites and coatings. The objective of the investigation is detection of subsurface, optically invisible microcracks and localized stiffness analysis. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 16, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-103. Applicant: The Ohio State University, 477 Watts Hall, 2041 College Road, Columbus, OH 43210. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model CM200. *Manufacturer:* Philips, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for morphological and structural studies of ceramics and metals, including high-temperature superconductors, high-temperature metal alloys, evaporated metal thin films, silicon bicrystals, soils and geological minerals, polymers and possibly some biological samples. The instrument will also be used for teaching purposes in microscopy classes and individual training of faculty, staff and students. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 17, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-104. Applicant: University of Colorado, Department of Buying and Contracting, Regent Administrative Center, Room 1B29, Campus Box 8, Boulder, CO 80309-0008. *Instrument:* Experimental Set-ups (Frames & Trusses). *Manufacturer:* Hi-Tech Scientific Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for teaching structural engineering to junior level undergraduate students in civil, environmental and architectural engineering. *Application accepted by*

Commissioner of Customs: December 17, 1997.

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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

At-Sea Scale Certification Program; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sally Bibb, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907-586-7228).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to revise an approved information collection to allow inspectors other than those from NMFS-designated agencies to conduct inspections of scales aboard certain fishing vessels in the groundfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. Vessels would not yet be required to have these scales, so the revision is in preparation of such possible requirements in the future. Such inspectors would have to notify NMFS in writing that they meet requirements set forth in regulation. Approved inspectors must submit to NMFS a copy of any inspection reports made. NMFS must also be notified 3 working days prior to any inspections to be made by these inspectors.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents would comply with requirements to be set forth in 50 CFR 679. No specific forms are required.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0330.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit; state, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Coast Pilot Report; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information